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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Foster et al. Art Unit: 1618  
Application No.: 10/017,135 Examiner: Simon J. Oh  
Filed: December 7, 2001 Conf. No. 8942  
Title: SYNTHESIS OF SMALL PARTICLES

Mail Stop **AMENDMENT**  
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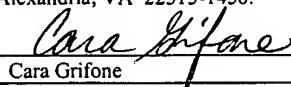
Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on September 6, 2005, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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